

A BOY IN A TOYSHOP

Have everyone follow your actions as you read this story: This is the story of a boy whose mother left him in a large store. Apparently, the boy had been left for some time and was bored with his surroundings, so he tapped his foot to show his irritation. (*Tap your foot.*) A kindly old gentleman in passing the boy offered him a stick of chewing gum. He unwrapped it and started to chew (*Chew.*) He became tired of waiting for his mother and walked into the toy department. As he entered the door, he saw a small lion whose head was nodding up and down. As the boy watched it, he, too, started to nod. (*Nod.*) Becoming interested in the playroom, the boy picked up a horn and squeezed it with his right hand. (*Open and close your right hand.*) He then picked up a drumstick with his left hand and beat the drum with the stick. (*Beat drum with your left hand.*) Having entirely forgotten his mother by this time, he climbed upon a hobbyhorse and started to rock. (*Rock.*) When his mother found him, she jolted him to his feet. (*Stand up.*) But he had had a good time, so he waved to the saleslady (*wave*), while his mother tugged at his arm to hurry him along.

DIVIDING INTO GROUPS

For variations in dividing a group into smaller groups or parts, use one of these methods:

- (a) Ask those with black or brown shoes to get together.
- (b) Tell those with brown, blonde, gray, or red hair to find each other.
- (c) Have those with the same birth month or of the same age level seek each other out.
- (d) Ask those with the same color suit, dress, or tie to assemble.

JOHNNY VISITS MOTHER'S CLUB MEETING

Tell the audience they are to do just as little Johnny did by following your actions as you read this story:

Little Johnny went to a club meeting with his mother. He grew tired of sitting still. He wiggled around in his seat. (*Wiggle.*) Then he stood up. (*Stand.*) Johnny couldn't see much, so he stood on his tiptoes. (*Stand on toes.*) Since he still couldn't see anything, he turned to the left and stretched way up on his tiptoes. (*Turn left and stretch.*) He still couldn't see very much, so he turned to the right and stood again on his tiptoes. (*Turn right and stand on toes.*) Johnny thought there might be something interesting on the floor. He knelt way down and looked. (*Kneel.*) No, there was nothing there, so he stood up again. (*Stand up.*) He took a little step to the left. (*Step left.*) Now he could see. There was Aunt Alice on the platform. "Yo-hoo, Aunt Alice!" he called, waving his hand high. (*Wave.*) At this, everybody turned and scowled at Johnny (*Scowl.*) Poor Johnny hung his head in shame. (*Bow your head.*) Then they remembered he was just a boy. And, with smiling faces, they held out their right hands. When the president said, "Go," they all turned around and shook hands with the person behind them. "Go!" (*Turn and pretend to shake hands with someone behind you.*)

BALLOON RELAY

Line up two teams several feet in front of a couple of chairs. Give each person a balloon. On signal, the first in each line starts blowing up his balloon. When he has it inflated, he runs to a chair and sits on the balloon until it bursts. The next player then starts blowing up his balloon. The first team to burst all its balloons wins.

